

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016
7:00 PM

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Exmore, Virginia, held in the Meeting Room of the J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore Virginia, on the 3rd day of October, 2016, at 7:00 pm

Present:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present
Councilman G. W. Adkins--Present
Councilman Bradley Doughty-Present
Councilman Bryon Heaster-Present
Councilman John Metz-Absent
Councilman Chase Sturgis-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Sgt. Zieger, Taylor Dukes, Mike Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greer. Mayor Greer established a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the majority in attendance.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2016:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 12, 2016 with the correction made. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed by the majority vote with Councilman Metz being absent.

Mr. Duer asked to have the Agenda amended, striking the Police Report. The Mayor and Council agreed.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. asked why the Town allowed Holiday Inn Express to go 3 years without paying taxes. Mr. Duer noted that collecting delinquent taxes is a legal process and they are now paid up-to-date.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – ROBERT G. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that he has received numerous compliments on the appearance of the Town. He commended Mr. Johnson and the Public Works crew for their hard work in keeping the Town's appearance inviting. The barrels at the Park have been taken down and will be replaced with curbs. The multi-purpose building will be complete once the electric is installed. Mr. Duer reported that Ms. MacGarvey is doing an excellent job in promoting our Town on the web along with our neighboring towns. She is working to line up events for the near future.

Mr. Duer, Mr. Dukes, Councilman Heaster and Draper Aden Associates met with the Virginia Housing & Community Development Authority and USDA asking for funding assistance with our sewer project. He noted that there may also be funding available with the well project for a grant in the amount of \$500,000.

The Annual Car Show is scheduled for October 15th and the Oyster Roast will be on October 21st.

FINANCIAL REPORT – ROBERT G. DUER:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Mr. Duer reported that the increase in income for the delinquent taxes and business license is due to the payment from Holiday Inn Express that was not budgeted for, two payments were made on the building at the Park that were budgeted last year and repairs to the trash truck of \$4,426 was not in the budget. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to pass the budget amendment. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed by the majority vote with Councilman Metz absent.

Mr. Dukes noted that the old backhoe will cost more to repair than it is worth. He said that he has talked to Right-Way Repairs and they are willing to trade \$1,000 in services (labor) to the Town for the backhoe.

MONTHLY SUMMARY:

Mr. Duer noted that the decrease in penalties is due to writing off the older penalties. He commended Mrs. Wert in the collection of delinquent taxes through the DMV STOP Program. Mr. Duer stated that our net income for the month of September was \$29,836.77 and year-to-date net income is \$63,475.32.

OLD BUSINESS:

INOPERABLE VEHICLED ORDINANCE:

After brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to adopt the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance No. 212. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed by the majority vote with Councilman Metz absent.

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported that the soil samples for the proposed site in Belle Haven for the new drain fields are back. He noted that the sample results proved to handle 320,000 gallons per day. The contract from Draper Aden & Associates for engineering to move the plant from Seaside Road to Belle Haven is not to exceed \$35,000. It was the general consensus of the Council to move forward and sign the contract.

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes stated that the grant application for the well project has been submitted. Draper Aden Associates told him that they will be ready to go to bid by the end of this year.

WATER/SEWER RESPONSIBILITY:

No report

CIGARETTE TAX:

Councilman Doughty made the Motion to take the Cigarette Tax off the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed by the majority vote with Councilman Sturgis in opposition and Councilman Metz absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

ZONING – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that the new Dollar General is moving forward. He reported that the Town attorney is handling the property negligence cases and also a case where an individual is living in a travel trailer.

POLICE REPORT – SGT ZIEGER:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. JOHNSON:

Mr. Johnson reported 48 service calls in September which includes turn-offs, turn-ons, re-reads, pressure tests and Miss Utility calls. Brush and limbs were picked up on September 15th and trash is averaging 21,000 pounds each week. They read 714 water meters and the total of new water meters installed to-date is 475.

UTILITY REPORT – MR. DUKES:

MR. Dukes stated that 3.8 million gallons of water was pumped during the month of September. He said that the excessive amount of rainfall has made it hard for the wastewater plant to operate properly.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. voiced his concern with the Holiday Inn Express becoming delinquent in their taxes again.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016 – VETERAN’S DAY

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2016 -
THANKSGIVING

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis. The Motion was passed by the majority vote with Councilman Metz absent and the meeting was adjourned.

Douglas Greer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk